PCP

Learning Objectives

- Select from a list the scientific name for PCP.
- Identify the side effects of PCP.

What is PCP?

- PCP, or Phencyclidine, is a dissociative anesthetic, or drug that separates perception from sensation.
- PCP can be found in several different forms:
  - Crystalline Powder
  - Colored Powder
  - Pills
  - Capsules
  - Liquid

History of PCP

1956 – PCP is synthesized for the first time.

1957 – PCP is used on humans for the first time.

1963 – PCP is patented as an anesthetic named Sernyl.

1965 – PCP is banned for human use due to its side effects.

1967 – PCP is marketed as an animal anesthetic called Sernylan.

History of PCP

1967 – PCP begins showing up on the streets as a recreational drug.

1978 – PCP is classified a Schedule II in accordance with the Controlled Substance Act.

1979 – Use of PCP rises around the country. 7% of high school seniors reported PCP use in the last 12 months.

1980 to present – PCP use continues to be problem but recent numbers have

How is PCP Taken?

PCP can be consumed in several ways:

- **Orally – In a pill or liquid form.**
- **Smoked**
- **Snorted**
- **Injected**

How is PCP Taken?

PCP has been known to be used in combination with other drugs and substances:

1. **LSD – *Super Tripping***
2. **Marijuana – *Killer Weed* or *Boat***
3. **Tobacco – *Sherms***
4. **Mint/Parsley**

PCP's Physical Effects

- Sleepiness
- Dizziness
- Irregular Heart Rate
- Loss of Bladder Control
- Jerky Eye Movement
- Heavy Sweating
- Vomiting
- Speech Impediments
- Loss of Reflexes
- Kidney Failure
- Brain Hemorrhaging
- Coma
- Death

PCP's Psychological Effects

- Depression of the Central Nervous System (CNS)
- Stimulation of the CNS
- Unpredictable Aggressive Behavior
- Schizophrenia
- Delirium
- Suicidal Tendencies
- Toxic Psychosis

PCP Testing in the Army

- The Army tests for PCP on a rotational schedule.
- PCP can be detected in urine for 2-3 days after ingestion.
- The illegal use of PCP or any drug goes against Army Values and Warrior Pride.

Additional Information

Additional information on PCP can be found by contacting the Army Substance Abuse Program or by visiting www.acsap.army.mil.

WARRIOR

Personal Courage: Possess the Personal Courage not to use drugs or abuse alcohol and to notify the Chain of Command of Soldiers that do.

Respect: Show your Respect to the Army, your unit, fellow Soldiers, and yourself by staying drug free and drinking responsibly.

Integrity: Stay true to the Army Values and Warrior Ethos by supporting the Army's drug and alcohol policies.

Duty: Do your duty as a Soldier and stay mentally and physically tough by not using drugs or abusing alcohol.

Excellence: Exhibit honorable behavior on and off duty - don't be a substance abuser!